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some branches, an inch and a half or two inches in diameter. The price of that bunch then, the day after Christmas, was five shillings sterling. The market man said he believed it came from Kidderminster; and that the market supply came from the west of England. However, I had several opportunities to inquire of well-informed business men, familiar with the imports and exports and shipping of England, and they uniformly gave me quite another account, which, in the words of one of them, as nearly as I can remember, is the following: "O yes, I know all about the mistletoe, 'you know: it is a fungus, you know; a thing that grows on the 'branches of trees, you know. I never saw much of it in England; 'it always grows on knotty old apple-trees: never on an oak. They 'tell some rubbish about oaks and Druids and the sacred plant, you 'know, and believe that it is the native English thing, you know, 'and, particularly among the lower classes, good to kiss the ladies 'under at Christmas, you know—a sort of harmless bounce, a pious 'deceit, that does very well, you know. But I've seen no end of it 'in Belgium, on old orchards, apple-trees that are lumpy and don't 'bear much fruit; and at Christmas time they import immense 'crates of it from Belgium into England: crates of immense size— 'most surprising numbers of them—and supply the whole English 'market. It's just as good, you know, for there's not much more 'mistletoe than Druids in England now, you know."

I learned also, that, according to general report, the mistletoe was propagated by boring holes in the bark of trees, deep enough to get at the sap, and inserting the broken berry, or the seed with its viscous covering.

ISAAC H. HALL.

10. Financial.—Subscriptions for 1873 are now due. It would facilitate transmission if, along with their subscription money, our friends remitted ten cents for prepayment of postage for the remainder of the year. Some have sent us double the amount necessary, viz., at the old rate of postage. We shall credit them with the excess.

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12. Orchids.—Additional localities are: *Habenaria cristata*, R. Br., Secaucus, Bower; *H. blephariglottis*, Hook., Babylon, L. I., and generally along the south shore, between Babylon and Jamaica, Merriam.—*Pogonia verticillata*, Nutt., Woods at New Lots, L. I., Merriam.—*Lipparis liliifolia*, Rich., and *L. Loeselii*, Rich., shady moist hill sides back of Nyack, Merriam.—*Corallorrhiza odontorrhiza*, Nutt., Laurel Hill, Jamaica, L. I., Ruger.

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